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Ford Finds No Reason To Reopen JFK Probe

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President Ford said Saturday he has seen no new evidence to justify reopening the Warren Commission investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas 12 years ago.

Ford, in Dallas for a series of campaign-style appearances, said:

"I think the right decision was made (by the commission to end the investigation) and I think it would be unwise to reopen it."

Ford was a member of the commis-

sion, named for its chairman, then-Chief Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren.

He said the commission did a thorough job before concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin of Kennedy. "Every bit of significant evidence was analyzed," he said.

Ford landed at Dallas' Love Field, where Kennedy's jet had landed on Nov.

23, 1963, the day of his death. Ford's route to the Dallas Convention Center, where he addressed about 3,000 Republican women, was kept secret, in contrast to advance publicity given to Kennedy's route. But security measures for Ford's trip did not seem excessive.

Ford visited Dallas eight days after Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, 26, a follower of mass murderer Charles Manson, pointed a pistol at him in Sacramento, Calif. Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller said the Sacramento incident and other

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such assassination scares involving the President show a necessity of domestic intelligence operations by the federal government.

"What has happened indicates the importance of having intelligence," Rockefeller said in Norman, Okla. "And I think it's an element that should be considered at this point as the Congress is reviewing the CIA and the entire intelligence structure."

Rockefeller was chairman of a presidential panel looking into alleged abuses of domestic snooping by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He said there were no massive violations by the agency, which is limited by law to overseas spying. But he said there is a need for legitimate domestic agencies to keep their guard up.

"I think we do see from what happened in (Sacramento) that the FBI and local law enforcement agencies must preserve records of those who have been outspoken and active in efforts to undermine the freedom of this country or destroy democratic society by force or to kill the leaders of this society," Rockefeller said.

However, he reiterated his stand that no drastic changes are needed in the protection of public officials, whom he said should be prepared to take the risks that go with the job.

Ford made similar remarks earlier in the weekend while he was in St. Louis.

"In any job," he said, "there is a risk of some kind. I feel that you have to balance or weigh the risks as to my own personal safety against what is a very important aspect of our political life in America."

He refused, however, to discuss the bulletproof vest he reportedly wore in New Hampshire on a campaign swing last week.

A St. Louis policeman reported seeing a man, wearing a wig and carrying what appeared to be a .45-caliber pistol, near an auditorium at which Ford spoke. The man eluded police.

Afterward, Ford flew to Kansas City and then on to Dallas. In addition to addressing the Republican women there, Ford attended a GOP fund-raising luncheon in the home of Trammel Crow, a financier, and addressed a convocation commemorating the 60th anniversary of Southern Methodist University. From Dallas, he flew to Midland to help dedicate a petroleum museum and hall of fame.